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SUBJECT: SYRIAN INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS

1. SUMMARY. DURING TIME, INC. "NEWSTOUR" STAY IN DAMASCUS, INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS (IESC) PRESIDENT FRANK PACE, JR., CALLED ON SARG MINECON IMADI TO REVIEW WHAT IESC COULD DO FOR SYRIA. IMADI IMPRESSED WITH IESC SERVICES, PARTICULARLY PROSPECTS FOR RECRUITING BANKER-ADVISOR, AND PROMISED REPLY TO PACE THROUGH EMBASSY. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY ARRANGED PACE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE DR. MOHAMAD AL-IMADI MORNING JAN. 22. PACE REVIEWED HISTORY, EXPERIENCE AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE IESC WAS ABLE TO OFFER TO COUNTRY SUCH AS SYRIA. HE LEFT WITH IMADI IESC MATERIAL HE HAD WITH HIM, ALONG WITH MATERIAL EMBASSY RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM IESC DIRECTOR/BEIRUT, RALPH C. SHAFFER. IMADI IMPRESSED WITH WEALTH OF IESC TALENT, ASKED ABOUT COST, AND IN RESPONSE TO PACE'S MENTION OF POSSIBLE SECTORS SAID THAT AMERICAN BANKER WOULD BE OF GREAT USE IN COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA, WHICH IS UNDER MINECON'S CONTROL. PACE ALSO MENTIONED MANAGEMENT TALENT FOR LARGE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS AND PORTS/RAILWAY MANAGEMENT. PCE SAID HE WOULD PERSONALLY SELECT IESC VOLUNTEER WHEN IMADI PRESENTED HIM WITH EXACT DESCRIPTION OF TYPE OF INDIVIDUAL REQUIRED. IMADI PROMISED TO REPLY TO PACE THROUGH THE EMBASSY.

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PACE ENCOURAGED HIM TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH FORMER

IESC CHAIRMAN DAVID ROCKEFELLER DURING HIS JAN. 27-28
VISIT TO DAMASCUS.

3. RECOMMEND EMBASSY BEIRUT BRIEF SHAFFER ON THESE DEVELOP-
MENTS AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO VISIT DAMASCUS IN NEAR FUTURE TO
FOLLOW UP ON PACE AND ROCKEFELLER VISITS, INFORMING US IN
ADVANCE SO WE MAY ASSIST HIM IF HE SO DESIRES.
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